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| TITLE: HEAT-SEALABLE FILTER   | ) |                |
| MATERIAL WITH BIODEGRAD-      | ) |                |
| ABLE POLYMERS                 | ) |                |

**PRELIMINARY AMENDMENT**

Assistant Commissioner for Patents  
Washington, D.C. 20231  
Sir:

Prior to its examination, please amend the enclosed English language translation of the application as follows:

**IN THE SPECIFICATION:**

At the top of page 1, change the title to read: "Heat-sealable filter material with biodegradable polymers".

**IN THE ABSTRACT**

Please change the Abstract to read as follows:

"Heat-sealable filter material with biodegradable polymers

**Abstract of the Disclosure**

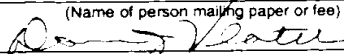
A filter material comprising at least two-ply structure, wherein at least one ply contains natural fibers and one ply biodegradable, thermoplastic fibers is disclosed. The thermoplastic fibbers are selected from the group comprising aliphatic or

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